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1. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE GOTT IMPOSES CONDITIONS ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS (PARA 1, REF. B), WHICH RUN COUNTER TO USG POLICY ON THE OPEN PUBLICATION OF PUBLICLY-FINANCED RESEARCH. THESE CONDITIONS, WHICH HAVE ALREADY FORCED THE CANCELLATION OF ONE PLANNED RESEARCH PROJECT IN T&T WATERS (REFS C AND D), GIVE THE GOTT VETO POWER ON THE PUBLICATION OF RESEARCH DATA AND CUSTODY OF UNIQUE SPECIMENS. THE GOTT HAS EXPLECITLY WAIVED THE CONDITIONS IN ONLY ONE CASE, A CRUISE WHICH TRINIDADIAN SCIENTISTS HELPED SET UP AND IN WHICH TRINIDAD HAD A DIRECT INTEREST. ON THE BASIS OF INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, WE BELIEVE IT UNLIKELY THAT AN EXCEPTION WOULD BE MADE IN THE CASE OF THE ALPHA HELIX TO PERMIT UNRESTRICTED PUBLICATION OF THE DATA COLLECTED IN T&T WATERS.

2. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, WE REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINE IF THE ALPHA HELIX CAN ACCEPT THE GOTT CON-
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DITIONS IN THE EVENT THAT THE RESEARCH IS APPROVED.
WE WILL HOLD THE REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE IN ABEYANCE
PENDING RECEIPT OF THIS INFORMATION.

3. IF THE CONDITIONS ARE FOUND TO BE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE ALPHA HELIX AND THE RESEARCH IN T&T WATERS IS ABANDONED, WE WILL CALL THE SITUATION TO THE ATTENTION

OF THE GOTT AND POINT OUT AGAIN THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF
ITS POLICY ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

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